

BEFORE THE OREGON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

**Petition to Initiate Rulemaking and Take Other Actions
to Protect Existing and Designated Uses of Fish and Wildlife
From Point and Nonpoint Sources of Pesticides**

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